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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Mansour M. Said

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/30/02, and 06/19/02.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-33.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on Dec 3, 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). 6, & 8-9

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.

6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office Action.
2. Claims 30-33 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. None of the prior art of the record either singularly or in combination teach or fairly suggest a method and a computer mouse for use with a computer, the computer running network browser software for visiting network addresses, the mouse having a housing; and at least one user depressible surface exposed on the housing for communicating a first command signal to the computer, the first command signal associated with a paging back function of the network browser software, whereby depression of the user depressible surface causes the network browser software to page backward without having to place the cursor over a browser back button of the network browser software.

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Grant (5,854,624) discloses a pocket-sized user interface for Internet browser terminals. The control group (figure 5, (58)) is a portion of the keypad that handles “high level” communications with the browser terminal. A user’s email software or browser, alternately, “mode” which may enable or disable the on-screen display of a browser’s tool bars at the top of the screen (in order to provide a full -screen view); “PG UP” AND “PG DN” provide for quick traversing through a multi-paged on-screen document, one page at a time; “Scroll up and “Scroll down” permit the user to scroll up and down the displayed web page by a line at a time, or continuously, and “Shift” which may be depressed prior to one of the other pre-programmed buttons in order to access a secondary function. The other buttons comprising the navigation group (figure 5, (62)) may provide “Back” may take the user back to the previous “web page” that was viewed during a particular session. “Home” may return the user to a pre-selected home page. “Fwd” may take the user forward to a previous web page that was viewed during a particular session.

However, the cited reference does not disclose the claimed limitations such as “a computer mouse comprising **at least one user depressible surface exposed on the housing for communicating a first command signal to the computer, the first command signal associated with a paging back function of the network browser software, whereby depression of the user depressible surface causes the network browser software to page**

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backward without having to place the cursor over a browser back button of the network browser software.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mansour M. Said** whose telephone number is **(703) 306-5411**.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Shalwala Bipin**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4938**.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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or faxed to:

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(703) 872-9314 (for Technology Center 2600 only)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist)

7. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

Patent Examiner

December 4, 2002

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